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Promotion of Ethanol and Jatropha as Fuel
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to launch any scheme for promoting ethanol and jatropha as fuel
(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for commercial production of ethanol and jatropha?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b): No Madam. However, the production of Ethanol and biodiesel are being promoted for blending in petrol and diesel respectively under the National Policy on Biofuels.

(c): The Government of India has taken various steps for development of ethanol and Jatropha in the country i.e. (i) Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme has been implemented since year 2003 in the country. Under this Programme, Oil Marketing Companies sell ethanol blended petrol with percentage of ethanol up to 10 % as per BIS specification to achieve 5 % ethanol blending across the country as a whole; (ii) announcement of the National Policy on Biofuels in year 2009 for promotion and utilisation of biofuels including bioethanol and biodiesel; (iii) to improve the ethanol availability, Government decided the delivered price of ethanol in the range of Rs 48.50 to Rs 49.50 per litre; (iv) ethanol production from other non-food feedstocks besides molasses, like cellulosic and lingo-cellulosic materials including petrochemical route, has also been allowed to be procured for EBP Programme; (v) half yearly revision of procurement price of biodiesel; (vi) direct sale of biodiesel by manufacturers/suppliers other than Oil Marketing Companies in the country; (vii) promotion of various tree borne oilseeds for oil extraction for edible and industrial uses; and (viii) Continuous support from Ministries of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Environment , Forests & Climate Change; New and Renewable Energy; Rural Development; and Science and Technology for various research and development on different aspects of production and enhancing the ethanol availability and jatropha as a source of biodiesel in the country.
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